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SUMMARY: THE POLITICAL TURMOIL SURROUNDING AN ATTEMPT

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TO CONSTITUTE A NEW AND VIABLE DANISH GOVERNMENT LEADS

US TO RECOMMEND AGAINST THE PROPOSED VISIT TO DENMARK IN EARLY FEBRUARY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GENERAL DYNAMICS AND PRATT AND WHITNEY. THIS SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, INHIBIT G-D AND P-W REPRESENTATIVES FROM MAKING WHATEVER DIRECT, LOW-KEY CONTACTS THEY MIGHT DECIDE ARE NEEDED WITH POTENTIAL DANISH CO-PRODUCERS. MAAG CONCLUDES IT WOULD NOT BE ESSENTIAL TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PROPOSED FEB 2 EUCOM BRIEFING. WE WISH TO RESERVE OUR OPINION ON A TOUR OF THE US THE LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY TO PROVIDE DANISH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WITH COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE F-16 PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. AS REPORTED REF B PRIMIN HARTLING'S GOVERNMENT FELL LAST NIGHT. A FORMATEUR WILL BE APPOINTED LATER THIS WEEK BY THE QUEEN AND A NEW ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE FORMATEUR AND LEADERS OF THE PARLIMENTARY POLITICAL PARTIES WILL ENSURE. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS TO PRODUCE A NEW GOVERNMENT NOR WHAT ITS COMPOSITON WILL BE.

2. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (E.G., REF C), WE WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT DESPITE OBSTACLES THE DANES WOLD OPT TO BUY THE F-16 WITHIN THE REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE. UNLESS THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS PRODUCE A NEW GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD DEPEND FOR SUPPORT ON PARTIES OF THE FAR LEFT, WE REMAIN OPTIMISTIC.

3. UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUE OF DANISH PURCHASE OF A NEW REPLACEMENT FOR ITS EXISTING F-100'S SHOULD BE MUTED. THE LIBERALS AND THEIR ALLIES, WHOM WE BELIEVE FAVOR THE F-16 PURCHASE, WERE SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING THE ISSUE OUT OF THE CAMPAIGN PRECEEDING THE JAN 9 ELECTION. THE LIBERALS HAVE CONTINUED TO INSIST PUBLICLY THAT NO GOVERNMENT DECISION HAS YET, IN FACT, BEEN TAKEN TO MAKE ANY LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTER PURCHASE AND THAT BEFORE SUCH A DECISION THE DANISH PARLIAMENT WILL BE FULLY INVOLVED AND ITS APPROVAL OBTAINED.

4. AFTER MOST RECENT TRIP TO COPENHAGEN OF GENERAL DYNAMICS' BRUSSELS REPRESENTATIVE JAMES MURPHY ON JAN 24, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EMBASSY HAD BEGUN EXPLORING WITH CERTAIN DANISH POLITICAL FIGURES THE DESIRABILITY OF ANY EARLY VISIT BY GENERAL DYNAMICS (AND POSSIBLY PRATT AND WHITNEY) REPRESENTATIVES. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WOULD HAVE BEEN A QUIET EDUCATIONAL EFFORT WITH THE EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "DOUBLE FOUR COMMITTEE." (THIS IS AN EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE WHICH CONSISTS OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF THE FOUR PARTIES (SOCIAL

DEMOCRATS, RADICALS, CONSERVATIVES, LIBERALS) TO THE FOUR-YEAR DANISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT.) WE HAD NOT, HOWEVER, BEEN ABLE YET TO SPEAK WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT COMMITTEE, THE FORMER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE MINISTER ORLA MOLLER, WHO IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION MAY WELL CONCLUDE THAT EVEN A QUIET VISIT BY PD-PW REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT NOW INDICATED. WE SHALL, NEVERTHELESS, CARRY ON DISCREET SOUNDINGS WITH APPROPRIATE PROMINENT DANES.

5. THE FOREGOING IS THE BACKGROUND FOR OUR COMMENTS ON THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS POSED IN REF A:

PART I AND PART II A AND C: WE BELIEVE THAT AN INFORMATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS VISIT TO COPENHAGEN IN EARLY FEBRUARY BY GD AND PW REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT WELL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

B. IT IS THE IMPRESSION OF THE MAAG THAT NORTHRUP AND GENERAL ELECTRIC HAD SUCCEEDED IN REACHING CLOSER RAPPORT AND MORE SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDINGS WITH POTENTIAL DANISH INDUSTRIAL CO-PRODUCERS THAN HAD GD AND PW. EVEN IF THIS IMPRESSION IS ERRONEOUS GD AND PW MAY WISH TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THROUGH DIRECT, LOW-KEY CONTACTS WITH POTENTIAL DANISH CO-PRODUCERS THAT NO QUESTIONS REMAIN UNRESOLVED. (WE HAVE ALSO PLAYED A ROLE IN ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF GD AND THE DANISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS (LO) WHICH IT HAS NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE BECAUSE OF LO'S PREOCCUPATION WITH THE ON-GOING BIENNIAL WAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EMPLOYERS FEDERATION AS WELL AS THE LOCAL POLITICAL TURMOIL.)

D. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAAG HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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INVOLVED FOR MANY MONTHS IN THE SELECTION PROCESS WHICH PRODUCED THE CHOICE BY THE USAF OF THE F-16 AND WHICH HAS INCLUDED TRIPS BY MAAG REPS TO THE UNITED STATES AND BRUSSELS AND BRIEFINGS AND PRESENTATIONS IN BOTH PLACES. DANISH MILITARY AND MOD OFFICIALS ARE ALSO ARMED WITH A KNOWLEDGE IN DEPTH OF THE F-16'S PERFORMANCE. MAAG CONCLUDES THAT IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PROPOSED FEB 2 EUCOM BRIEFING, NOR WOULD IT RECOMMEND THAT INVITATIONS BE ISSUED TO DANISH MILITARY OR MOD OFFICIALS UNLESS REPEAT UNLESS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM WERE INCLINED TO ACCEPT SUCH AN INVITATION. E. BY MID-FEBRUARY THE DANES SHOULD AGAIN HAVE A GOVERNMENT. WE ARE NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO SAY

WHETHER THE DANISH SUPPORTERS OF THE F-16 PURCHASE
WOULD CONCLUDE THAT THAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE
TIME FOR DANISH MEDIA CONSULTATION ON THE F-16
ISSUE. WE WOULD, CONSEQUENTLY, WISH TO RESERVE
OUR OPINION ON THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE FOLLOWING
EXCEPTION. IF IT IS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE
ADVANTAGEOUS TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM
TO ISSUE AN EARLY INVITATION TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES
TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, THE DANES SHOULD NOT,
HOWEVER, BE EXCLUDED.
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